

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ADDIS 00327 101029Z

17

ACTION AF-06

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01

INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-02

SS-15 USIA-06 IO-10 OMB-01 ACDA-05 MC-01 SAM-01 SAI-01

NIC-01 NEA-09 /092 W

----- 117152

R 100958Z JAN 75

FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2603

INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA

AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 0327

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, PINS, ET, US

SUBJ: COMMENTS OF YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR ON ATTITUDES  
OF EPMG

1. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR VOJINOVIC, WHO IN OUR OPINION ENJOYS EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH THE PRESENT ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT, TOLD ME YESTERDAY HE IS CONFIDENT THAT IT CURRENTLY HAS EVERY INTENTION OF REMAINING WITH THE US AS ITS PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE. HE ALSO SAID HE CONSIDERS IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT ETHIOPIAN SOCIALISM WILL DEVELOP IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PRODUCE AN IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICT OF SERIOUS DIMENSIONS WITH THE US.

2. VOJINOVIC BELIEVES THAT THE MAJOR US FUTURE POLICY PROBLEM IN RELATION TO ETHIOPIA MAY WELL BE ERITREA. HE THINKS IT POSSIBLE THAT WARFARE OF MAJOR DIMENSIONS WILL BREAK OUT THERE AND THAT THE EPMG WILL NEED LARGE QUANTITIES OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR THIS CAMPAIGN (CF ADDIS A-251). IF THE US REFUSES TO COOPERATE IN THIS REGARD, THE EPMG WILL HAVE FAR MORE INCENTIVE THAN AT PRESENT TO TURN TO THE SOVIETS OR THE CHINESE FOR ARMS.  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ADDIS 00327 101029Z

IF THE US DOES PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ARMS, HOWEVER, IT WILL

BE ENGAGED IN AN INDIRECT STRUGGLE AGAINST NUMEROUS ARAB COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT.

3. WITH REGARD TO LAND REFORM, AMBASSADOR VOJINOVIC THOUGHT THAT THE EPMG HAS NOT YET FINISHED ITS WRESTLING WITH THIS DIFFICULT ISSUE. SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IS STILL BEING GIVEN, HE SAID, TO NATIONALIZING ALL LAND AND TO INTRODUCING LARGE STATE FARMS. AMBASSADOR VOJINOVIC CONSIDERS THAT THIS IS FAR TOO RADICAL A PROGRAM FOR ETHIOPIA AT THE PRESENT TIME AND THAT ATTEMPTS TO IMPLEMENT IT MIGHT WELL CAUSE CIVIL WAR.

4. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD STRONGLY DISAPPROVED OF THE EXECUTIONS OF NOVEMBER 23 AND HAD EMPHASIZED THIS TO THE EPMG. HE ALSO REMARKED, AS DID RECENTLY A SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIAL, THAT CONDITIONS IN ETHIOPIA ARE SO PRIMITIVE THAT REAL SOCIALISM COULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED HERE FOR MANY YEARS.  
WYMAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** MILITARY ASSISTANCE, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 10 JAN 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** johnsorg  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975ADDIS00327  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750010-0443  
**From:** ADDIS ABABA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750164/aaaacdsk.tel  
**Line Count:** 80  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION AF  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** johnsorg  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 01 JUL 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <01 JUL 2003 by KelleyW0>; APPROVED <02 DEC 2003 by johnsorg>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** COMMENTS OF YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR ON ATTITUDES OF EPMG  
**TAGS:** PFOR, MASS, PINS, ET, US, YO, (VOJNOVIC, MAGDA)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006